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 - - FIG. 3b is a detail view of the film cutting blade of FIG. 3a in a rest or stowed position; - - .

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 Please amend from after the <sup>first</sup> ~~fourth~~ full paragraph on page 4 to before the first full paragraph on page 5 to read as follows:

[ - figure] FIG. 4 is a[nother] perspective view of [a stretch film unrolling and pre-stretching] an assembly for automatically unrolling and cutting stretch film, in accordance with another aspect of the present invention[, equipped with the device of the previous figures];

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 Please amend page 5, <sup>second</sup> ~~first~~ full paragraph, to read as follows:

[ - figure] FIG. 5 [shows] is an alternative perspective view of the assembly [of figure] shown in FIG. 4 [seen from a different angle and - for the sake of clarity -] with its top casing removed; and

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 Please amend page 5, <sup>third</sup> ~~second~~ full paragraph, to read as follows:

[ - figure] FIG. 6 [shows] is a plan view of the assembly [illustrated by figures] shown in FIGS. 4 and 5.

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 Please add the following new paragraph after the <sup>third</sup> ~~second~~ full paragraph on page 5:

example and is not to be considered limitative in any way, said description making] is described below with reference to the [attached] accompanying drawings, in which:

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Please amend page 4, <sup>third</sup> full paragraph, to read as follows:

[ - figure] FIG. 1 [shows] is a [schematic] perspective view of [the] a cutting device of [the] an assembly for automatically unrolling and cutting stretch film, in accordance with the present invention;

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Please amend page 4, <sup>fourth</sup> full paragraph, to read as follows:

[ - figure] FIG. 2 [shows] is an exploded view of the cutting device [of figure] shown in FIG. 1;

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Please amend page 4, <sup>fifth</sup> full paragraph, to read as follows:

[ - figures] FIG. 3a [and 3b show the] is a detail view of a film cutting blade of the device [in greater detail in, respectively, its] shown in FIG. 1 in a cutting or operative position [and its rest position];

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conveyance rollers before it leaves the assembly and arrives at the [load that is] bundle to be wrapped.

Please amend page 3, first full paragraph, to read as follows:

-- **OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** --

[Summary of the invention]

[The basic] Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention [is] to provide a stretch film unrolling and pre-stretching assembly [that is provided with] having an automatic film cutt[ing]er [means that will] in order to avoid the worker having to [interfere with] adjust the assembly or otherwise intervene at the end of the cutting operation [in order] to insure suitable re-positioning of the film for the next wrapping cycle.

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-- **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS** --

[Brief description of the drawings]

A specific, illustrative [The characteristics and advantages of the stretch film unrolling and pre-stretching] assembly and method [with improved system] for automatically unrolling and cutting [the] stretch film [and of the method for use therewith, in accordance with the present invention, [will be brought out more clearly by the following description of a particular embodiment thereof, which is given purely by way of

[DESCRIPTION]

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Please amend page 1, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION --[Field of the invention]

The present invention relates generally to [the field of equipment for] packaging and, [with stretch film. M]more [precisely] particularly, [it concerns a new assembly for unrolling and pre-stretching stretch film with an improved system for automatically cutting the film. The invention also relates to a new cutting procedure which is carried out with this assembly.] to systems and methods for wrapping using stretch film or the like.

Please amend page 1, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --[Description of the prior art]

[According to the known art, equipment - be it] Conventional apparatus, whether fixed or mobile [-], for packing goods/products [with] using stretch film often comprises an assembly for unrolling or dispensing the film from a spool and for pre-stretching it. The assembly feeds the film toward[s the load] a bundle to be wrapped, which is generally [carried on] supported by a pallet. The spool is unrolled [by means of] using rubber-covered rollers [that are] controlled by electromagnetic brakes or clutches, or by electronically operated motor reducers. The film then passes over a series of idle